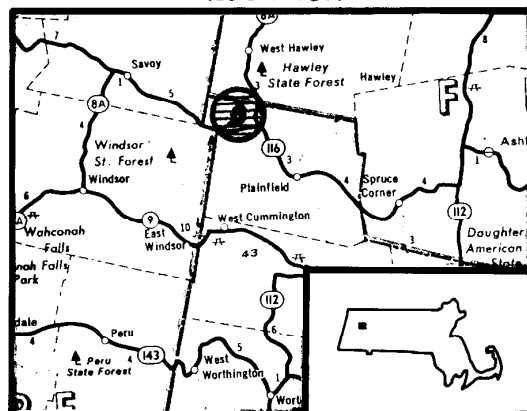




PLAINFIELD POND
(PLAINFIELD)
Area: 57 Acres

NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

LOCATION



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General Information:

This shallow, infertile, 57-acre pond, situated in the Berkshires, is located approximately three miles northwest of Plainfield center. The pond is lightly developed with most of the shoreline protected by heavily wooded state forest. Maximum depth is nine feet; average depth is five feet. The water is of good quality and transparency is nine feet. The bottom is composed primarily of clay and aquatic vegetation is common to abundant throughout, particularly thick in the coves.

Public access is provided at the southeast corner of the pond off Route 116. There is a gravel boat ramp with parking at this site. Shore fishing possible along most of the southern shore where the road parallels the pond.

Fish Populations:

The pond was last surveyed in 1981, when a total of six species were found present: chain pickerel, largemouth bass, brown bullhead, pumpkinseed, yellow perch and golden shiners. Northern pike are also present in this pond.

Fishing:

This pretty little mountain pond has historically suffered from a combination of low production and stunting of panfish. Golden shiners, pumpkinseed and yellow perch dominate the water and growth rates for bass and pickerel are below average. At least a few large bass or pickerel are taken each year, however, so persistence can pay off. Best option is probably to fish this pond during winter, setting out four tilts while jigging for perch. While big perch are uncommon, there seems to be an ample supply in the 8 to 10 inch size range.

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